AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A file processing apparatus comprising:

file display means for displaying <u>a folders for selection in a folder selection region, and for displaying</u> a plurality of predetermined files in a predetermined file display region as icons<u>, wherein when a folder in the folder selection region is selected then files from the selected folder are displayed by the file display means in the file display region as icons</u>;

selected file storage means, in response to a selection request with regard to a predetermined file displayed in the file display region, for storing a selected file;

selected file display means for displaying the selected file in a predetermined selected display region as an icon;

process execution means, in response to a predetermined process request, for subjecting a file stored by the selected file storage means to a predetermined process; ~~and~~

wherein a display screen of the file processing apparatus is divided into at least <u>four</u> ~~three~~ different areas at a given point in time so as to include each of the file display region, <u>the folder selection region,</u> the selected display region, and a process display region, so that the display screen simultaneously displays each of the following at the given point in time: (a) <u>the folders for selection in the folder selection region, (b)</u> the

icons of the plurality of predetermined files in the file display region <u>which are from</u>

<u>selected folder(s) from the folder selection region, (c)</u> (b) at least the selected file in the

selected display region which is different than the file display region, and <u>(d)</u> (c) process

icons in the process display region indicative of processes that the selected file can be

subjected to<u>; and</u>

<u>wherein a user can select files from a first folder when the first folder is selected in</u>

<u>the folder selection region, and can thereafter select different files from a second folder</u>

<u>when the second folder is selected in the folder selection region, so that the selected files</u>

<u>from the first folder and the selected files from the second folder are displayed</u>

<u>simultaneously in the selected display region and can be subjected to processing together</u>

<u>when a process icon in the process display region is selected.</u>

2. (Original) The file processing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the file display

means displays the files in the file display regions as thumbnails.

3. (Original) The file processing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

selected file cancellation means, in response to a predetermined selection cancel request,

for canceling the selection of a portion or all of the files stored by the selected file storage

means.

4. (Original) The file processing apparatus of claim 2, further comprising:

selected file cancellation means, in response to a predetermined selection cancel request,

for canceling the selection of a portion or all of the files stored by the selected file storage

means.

5. (Original) The file processing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the selected file

display means displays files as thumbnails in the selected file display region.

6. (Original) The file processing apparatus of claim 4, wherein the selected file

display means displays files as thumbnails in the selected file display region.

7. (Currently amended) The file processing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the

selected file storage means stores files selected from among a plurality of folders, and

~~that the selected file display means displays these files in one selected file display region~~.

8. (Original) The file processing apparatus of claim 6, wherein the selected file

storage means stores files selected from among a plurality of folders, and that the selected

file display means displays these files in one selected file display region.

9-10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) The file processing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the selected file storage means keeps storing the selected files, even after a process has been executed by the process execution means, until a predetermined selection cancel request.

12. (Original) The file processing apparatus of claim 8, wherein the selected file storage means keeps storing the selected files, even after a process has been executed by the process execution means, until a predetermined selection cancel request.

13. (Original) The file processing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising: process storage means for storing a plurality of process requests, wherein the process execution means subjects the files stored by the selected file storage means to a plurality of processes, in response to the plurality of process requests stored in the process storage means.

14. (Original) The file processing apparatus of claim 12, further comprising: process storage means for storing a plurality of process requests, wherein the process execution means subjects the files stored by the selected file storage means to a plurality of processes, in response to the plurality of process requests stored in the process storage means.

15. (Previously presented) The file processing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising: file selection means for selecting, from among an arbitrary plurality of files, those files that match a predetermined condition.

16. (Original) The file processing apparatus of claim 14, further comprising: file selection means for selecting, from among an arbitrary plurality of files, those files that match a predetermined condition.

17. (Original) The file processing apparatus of claim 15, wherein the file selection means selects files from within an arbitrarily defined range.

18. (Original) The file processing apparatus of claim 16, wherein the file selection means selects files from within an arbitrarily defined range.

19. (Original) A computer readable storage medium on which a program is stored that allows a computer to operate as the file processing apparatus of claim 1.

20. (Original) A computer readable storage medium on which a program is stored that allows a computer to operate as the file processing apparatus of claim 18.

21. (New) The file processing apparatus of claim 1, wherein when a file displayed in the selected display region is clicked, then its icon is highlighted in the selected display region and the folder containing the clicked file is highlighted in the tree display window.

22. (New) A file processing apparatus comprising:

file display means for displaying a tree of folders in tree form in a tree display window, and for displaying a plurality of predetermined files in a predetermined file display region as icons, wherein when a folder in the tree display window is selected then files from the selected folder are displayed by the file display means in the file display region as icons;

selected file storage means, in response to a selection request with regard to a predetermined file displayed in the file display region, for storing a selected file;

selected file display means for displaying the selected file in a predetermined selected display region as an icon;

process execution means, in response to a predetermined process request, for subjecting a file stored by the selected file storage means to a predetermined process;

wherein a display screen of the file processing apparatus is divided into at least four different areas at a given point in time so as to include each of the file display region, the tree display window, the selected display region, and a process display region, so that the display screen simultaneously displays each of the following at the given point in time: (a) the tree of folders in tree form in the tree display window, (b) the icons of the

plurality of predetermined files in the file display region which are from selected folder(s) from the tree display window, (c) at least the selected file in the selected display region which is different than the file display region, and (d) process icons in the process display region indicative of processes that the selected file can be subjected to; and

wherein a user can select files from a first folder when the first folder is selected in the tree display window, and can thereafter select different files from a second folder when the second folder is selected in the tree display window, so that the selected files from the first folder and the selected files from the second folder are displayed simultaneously in the selected display region and can be subjected to processing together when a process icon in the process display region is selected.